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SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHERS FOR LIBYA

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JOINT EMBASSY/USAID MESSAGE

ENCOURAGING TO NOTE WASHINGTON OPTIMISM AS TO EARLY ACTIVATION PROPOSED FOUNDATION. BUT THERE ARE MANY DIFFICULT AND TIME CONSUMING STEPS AHEAD IN GAINING LIBYAN APPROVAL FOR ITS ESTABLISHMENT. ALSO THERE OUTSIDE CHANCE FOUNDATION STAFF MAY DEVELOP OTHER PRIORITIES.

RE PARA SIX REFTEL TIME-GAP OF 4 - 6 MONTHS AND RELATED PROBLEM OF RECRUITMENT FOR MID-YEAR INSTRUCTORS WOULD SERIOUSLY IMPAIR EFFECTIVENESS AND IF FOUNDATION SOURCE DIDN'T MATERIALIZE WOULD BE DOUBLY EMBARRASSING. SINCE USG FUNDS NOT AVAILABLE, SINCE NO PEACE CORPS ACTIVITY HERE AND SINCE SEE NO POSSIBILITY REVERSAL GOL POSITION ON SEDA FUNDS, WE MUST NOW INFORM MINED WE UNABLE RESPOND HIS REQUEST 25 SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

IN VIEW THIS DISAPPOINTING NEWS WE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TELL BA'BAA WE AT LEAST ABLE EXTEND PRESENT ELS CONTRACT FOR 5 PROFESSORS, (3 FOR UNIVERSITY AND 2 FOR TEACHERS TRAINING COLLEGE), THROUGH JUNE 1965 (RATHER THAN FOR ONLY SIX MONTHS AS PROPOSED PARA 5 REFTEL). IS THIS POSSIBLE? LIBYANS OF COURSE WILL PAY BASIC LIBYAN SALARY. IMPERATIVE BE ABLE TO ASSURE UNIVERSITY AND MINED OFFICIALS THEY CAN COUNT ON INSTRUCTORS FOR FULL ACADEMIC YEAR. CANNOT REPEAT NOT PROCEED ON BASIS (1) THAT FOUNDATION WILL BE GOING CONCERN WITHIN 6 MONTHS, AND (2) THAT WE CAN DICTATE FOUNDATIONS PROGRAM. AT THIS STAGE IT WOULD BE PREMATURE EVEN MENTION NON-EXISTENT FOUNDATION TO GOL OFFICIALS.

AMBASSADOR CONCURS.

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